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SUBJECT: FRASER AMENDMENT ON COOPERATION IN INVESTIGATION

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1. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR YU CHONG-HA CALLED ON EA/K
DIRECTOR HURWITZ MAY 4 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT FRASER AMENDMENT
ON ROKG COOPERATION IN JUSTICE INVESTIGATION.

2. SAYING HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AMBASSADOR,
YU SAID HE WANTED TO REGISTER PARTICULAR DISSATISFACTION
WITH THE PORTION OF THE AMENDMENT WHICH MENTIONS "ALLEGA-
TIONS OF IMPROPER ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES BY AGENTS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA". YU SAID THAT THE ROKG HAD
NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS AND KNEW
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OF THEM ONLY THROUGH PRESS STORIES. YU SAID THE AMENDMENT
REPRESENTED THE FIRST OFFICIAL U.S. STATEMENT WHICH SEEMED
TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THESE ALLEGATIONS. MOREOVER, YU SAID,
WITHOUT BEING OFFICIALLY INFORMED AS TO NATURE OF ALLEGA-
TIONS, ROKG COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE IN
INVESTIGATION AS IS URGED BY THE AMENDMENT.

3. HURWITZ NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD NOT FAVORED THE FRASER AMENDMENT AS A MEANS OF SECURING ROK COOPERATION

AND HAD TRIED TO HAVE THE AMENDMENT DROPPED. THE ADMINISTRATION MOREOVER WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LANGUAGE APPEARING IN THE AMENDMENT. ON THE QUESTION OF THE NATURE OF THE COOPERATION BEING SOUGHT BY THE U.S.G. IN INVESTIGATION, THIS HAD ALREADY BEEN CONVEYED TO THE ROKG ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AS KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE. CHRISTOPHER

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